(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to deal this situation and to protect the children from terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per infromation available, the naxalites recruit children from time to time. In Bihar and Jharkhand, children are enrolled in 'Bal Dasta'. In Chhattisgarh and Orissa, children's squad is known as 'Bal Sangham'. 'Bal Sangham' of the CPI (Maoist) in Orissa has been banned by the State Government.

'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States.

Registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, including crime against children, is undertaken by the concerned State Governments.

The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supports the State Governments through various measures. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State Police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State Police, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating Inter-State coordination and assistance for development through a range of schemes of different Ministries, including Centrally-sponsored scheme for women and child development.

Land grabbing by foreign companies in border areas

2086. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of foreign companies are buying land through builder at various parts of the country, particularly around metropolitan cities and border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government has taken any cautious approach towards land grabbing by foreign companies, particularly some important and sensitive areas of border;

(d) whether it is also a fact that huge land have been purchased unlawfully by some companies in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, Government's views and reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Relevant infromation are being collected from various States/UTs etc.

(d) and (e) Government is aware that large scale land transactions have taken place in the border areas of Rajasthan. The Rajasthan Government has initiated a detailed inquiry into these transactions with the intention of identifying the purchasers and ascertaining the motives behind such transactions. A definitive conclusion/analysis would be possible only after completion of the detailed enquiry being undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan with the support of the Central Government agencies. A high level review on the subject matter

has also been taken the Ministry of Home Affairs and the issue is being closely monitored in coordination with the State Government from time to time.

SIMI'S planning to attack important installations

2087. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some active members of the banned Student's Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) are planning attacks on important installations with sophisticated methods;

(b) if so, the details of the reprots in this regard;

(c) whether Government is contemplating steps to ensure that such banned SIMI activists do not create any trouble in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) According to available information, there are no present inputs indicating any specific plans of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) to attack important installations with sophisticated methods, However, one arrested persons disclosed that he along with this SIMI associates were planning to commit serial blasts and other seirous offences.

(c) and (d) The activities of SIMI and such other organizations are under constant watch of the law enforcement and security agencies and requisite action is taken wherever necessary.

Abolishing permit system for foreign tourists

2088. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Ministry has urged his Ministry to abolish permit system for foreign tourists who want to visit North Eastern States, parts of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether due to restrictions on foreign tourists to visit North Eastern States, parts of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh has affected growth and development of tourism; and

(d) if so, the time by when a decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) A comprehensive review of the Protected Area Permit/ Restricted Area Permit (PAP/RAP) regime has been undertaken with a view to relax the restrictions imposed to promote tourism in the concerned States/UTs. Specific proposals in the regard have been received and are being invited from the concerned State Governments/ UTs. These proposals are being/would be duly examined from the tourism and security perspectives with the concerned State Governments/UTs. and an appropriate decision expedited in the matter.